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Landline Connections
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of landline connection has reduced in the country and if so, the details thereof including the total landline functional connections during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of functional landline connection in Ahmednagar district of State of Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to popularise the landline connection in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) The number of landline connections have reduced in the country. State/Circle (Service Area) wise details of wireline subscriber base for last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.

(b) The year-wise details of functional landline connections in Ahmednagar district of State of Maharashtra are as under:
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No. Name of Telecom Service Providers (TSP) Number of landline connections
As on 31.12.2014 As on 31.12.2015 As on 31.12.2016 As on 30.06.2017
1 Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) 67,270 60,453 56,652 54,626
2 Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited (TTML) 30 99 168 97
3 Reliance Communications (RCOM) 77 91 106 109
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(c) Steps taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and other Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to popularize the landline connections are as under:

(i) Various attractive tariff plans including free night calling plans have been introduced.
(ii) Publicity of various tariff plans through print media, Television advertisements, FM Channels, outdoors hoardings and digital media.
(iii) Revival of closed connections through various schemes.